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The Turner Family and Their Clothing Money

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The Turner family is Mr. and Mrs. Turner, two boys, and three girls. They live in a city in Texas with a warm, dry climate.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Turner moved there from another country. Mrs. Turner still does not know English. She would like to attend sewing classes and would prefer to

have them held in a neighbor's home.

They are buying a house. The four older children eat lunch at school. It costs \$10 a week.

Jobs are scarce. Mr. Turner is the only one in the family with a job. He is a switchman. Mr. Turner makes \$100 a week.

BUT they spend:

- \$45.00 for food a week
- \$28.20 for house payments, utilities, and repairs
- \$11.00 for clothing
- \$ 4.40 for medical expenses
- \$ 3.00 for hired help with the ironing
- \$ 5.00 for recreation
- \$ 6.00 for TV and record player payments
- \$ 1.80 for newspaper and magazines
- \$14.60 for everything else

\$119.00 a week

So, they run in debt \$19 a week.

What can Mrs. Turner do to stop running in debt?

Their Clothes

This shows what they spent on clothes in one year.



39-year-old Mr. Turner
\$99



37-year-old Mrs. Turner \$74



16-year-old Scott \$126

The Boys



3-year-old Don \$55



15-year-old Rose \$98

The Girls



11-year-old Alice
\$62



14-year-old Wilma
\$65

They spent \$603 for clothes that year. Is that too much? Is it enough?

This Shows What Each Bought

Do you think Mrs. Turner could save on their clothing bills? How?

	What Mrs. Turner pays:	What I pay:
Mr. Turner	Sweaters ---- 1 @ \$6.00	_____
	1 @ \$8.00	_____
	1 @ \$11.98	_____
	Pants ----- 3 @ \$4.98	_____
	Shirts ----- 1 @ \$7.00	_____
	2 @ \$4.00	_____
	Shorts ----- 3 @ 69¢	_____
	T-shirts ---- 3 @ 98¢	_____
	Shoes ----- 1 @ \$9.00	_____
	1 @ \$13.98	_____
	Boots ----- 1 @ \$14.95	_____
Mrs. Turner	Car Coat ---- 1 @ \$12.99	_____
	Skirts ----- 3 @ \$3.98	_____
	Dresses ----- 2 for \$11.00	_____
	Girdles ----- 2 @ \$2.98	_____
	Bras ----- 4 @ \$1.00	_____
	Hose ----- \$5.00	_____
	Slips ----- 2 @ \$2.98	_____
	Bags ----- 2 @ \$2.98	_____
	Shoes ----- 1 @ \$2.98	_____
	1 @ \$1.98	_____
	1 @ \$5.98	_____

Boys

What Mrs. Turner pays:

16-year-old Scott

Sweaters ---- 2 @ \$5.98
 1 @ \$6.98
 Pants ----- 5 @ \$3.98
 2 @ \$2.98
 Shirts ----- 8 @ \$2.98
 1 @ \$3.98
 Shorts ----- 6 @ 69¢
 T-shirts ---- 6 @ 69¢
 Shoes ----- 3 @ \$9.95
 Tennis shoes - 1 @ \$3.98
 Boots ----- 1 @ \$10.95

3-year-old Don

Sweaters ---- 2 @ \$2.98
 Jeans ----- 4 @ \$1.00
 Shirts and
 pants ----- 3 @ \$3.98
 T-shirts ---- 4 @ \$1.00
 4 @ 79¢
 Shorts ----- 6 @ 49¢
 Socks ----- 6 @ 39¢
 Shoes ----- 3 @ \$3.50
 Boots ----- 1 @ \$9.98

What I pay:

Girls

What Mrs. Turner pays:

15-year-old Rose

Coat ----- 1 @ \$13.98
 Sweaters ---- 1 @ \$5.98
 1 @ \$4.98
 Dresses ----- 6 @ \$3.67
 Skirts ----- 4 @ \$2.98
 Gym suit ---- 1 @ \$4.98
 Slips ----- 6 @ \$1.98
 Panties ----- 6 @ 50¢
 Bras ----- 6 @ 69¢
 Shoes ----- 1 @ \$2.98
 1 @ \$5.98
 Boots ----- 1 @ \$5.69

14-year-old Wilma

Sweaters ---- 2 @ \$4.98
 Dresses ----- 6 @ \$3.33
 Slips ----- 6 @ \$1.98
 Panties ----- 6 @ 50¢
 Socks ----- 4 @ 50¢
 Shoes ----- 3 @ \$2.98
 1 @ \$4.98
 1 @ \$3.98

11-year-old Alice

Sweaters ---- 2 @ \$2.98
 1 @ \$3.98
 Dresses ----- 6 @ \$2.98
 Choir suit --- 1 @ \$4.96
 Slips ----- 5 @ \$1.00
 Panties ----- 8 @ 49¢
 Socks ----- 8 @ 50¢
 Shoes ----- 4 @ \$1.98
 Tennis shoes - 3 @ \$1.98
 Bags ----- 2 @ \$1.00

What I pay:

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